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In re Application of:
Eva KONTSEKOVA

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Filed: 10/31/2005

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DATE OF SUBMISSION: December 30, 2007

REQUEST FOR REFUND OF IMPROPER ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE
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Commissioner:

This is a request for a refund of \$1,575.00 in the above-identified application which was improperly charged to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212. This charge is shown on page 3, SEQ. 6 and 7, of the monthly Deposit Account statement for January 2006 (copy attached as Appendix A). This request for refund is being made within two years of the date of the deposit account statement indicating such charge pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.26(b).

The fees charged for which this refund is requested were for fee code 2614, extra Independent Claims over three (National Stage), in the amount of \$100.00, and fee code 2615, extra claims over 20 (National Stage), in the amount of \$1475.00. Applicant believes the Office has made in mistake in calculating the claims fees. It appears that the Office calculated the claims fees based on the claims of the PCT application, which contained 23 claims, many of which were multiple dependent (see worksheets from PAIR prepared by Pat Booker of the PTO

on January 12, 2005, the date of filing of this National Stage application, copy attached as Appendix B). However, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment concurrently with this application on January 12, 2005 (copy attached as Appendix C), cancelling claims 1-23 of the PCT application and adding new claims 24-34, none of which were multiple dependent claims, resulting in 11 total claims present on the date of entry into the National Stage. Since the National Stage claim fees should have been based on the number of claims present after entry of the Preliminary Amendment (as set forth in the PCT Applicant's Guide, Vol. II, National Chapter - US, paragraph US.13, which states: "The number of additional claims for fee purposes must be computed on the basis of the claims valid at the beginning of the national phase (that is where amendments have been filed, the claims as amended under PCT Article 19 or PCT Rule 66.1, 66.3 and 66.4 *or the claims as submitted in a preliminary amendment by the applicant upon entering the national phase...*)", emphasis added), the National Stage claim fees should have been calculated based on 11 total claims and 3 independent claims (also reflected in the Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 filed by Applicant on January 12, 2005, copy attached as Appendix D).

Therefore, the \$1,575.00 charge for additional claims is improper and should be refunded. The Commissioner is hereby requested to make this refund by crediting Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/SONN:065US in the amount of \$1,575.00.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX A



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Deposit Account Statement

Requested Statement Month: January 2006
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City: AUSTIN
State: TX
Zip: 78701
Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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APPENDIX B

Pat Broker

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD
Effective December 8, 2004

Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
U.S. NATIONAL STAGE FEES		
BASIC FEE	SMALL ENT. = \$ 150	LARGE ENT. = \$ 300
EXAMINATION FEE	Satisfies PCT Article 33(1)-(4) = \$ 50 / \$ 100	All other situations = \$ 100 / \$ 200
SEARCH FEE	U.S. is ISA = \$ 50 / \$ 100 ALL other countries = \$ 200 / \$ 400	All other situations = \$ 250 / \$ 500
FEE FOR EXTRA SPEC. PGS.	minus 100 =	/ 50 =
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	79 minus 20 =	59
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	150
EXAM. FEE	100
SEARCH FEE	200
X \$ 125 =	
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RATE	FEE
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X \$ 250 =	
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* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

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AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
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OR

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

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*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than "3", enter "3".

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**MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM
FEE CALCULATION SHEET**
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CLAIMS

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35 U.S.C. 371 - Receipt of Request (PTO-1390)

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Date of Completion of requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371

Date of Completion of ALL requirements

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Date of Completion of DO/ EO 922 - Notification to Comply w/ Requirements for Patent
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Date of Completion of DO/ EO 923

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APPENDIX C

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment in the above-referenced case. Consideration of this case in view of the amendments made herein is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

At page 1, line 3, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a national phase application under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/007389 filed 9 July 2003, which claims priority to Austrian Application No. A 1053/2002 filed 12 June 2002, the contents of which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-23. (Canceled)

24. (New) An N- and C-terminally double truncated tau molecule further defined as a type IA tau molecule, type IB tau molecule, type IIA tau molecule, or type IIB tau molecule.

25. (New) The N- and C-terminally double truncated tau molecule of claim 24, further defined as a type IA tau molecule:

having at least the first 236 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 45 C-terminal amino acids of the 4 repeat containing tau43 truncated;

detectable in Alzheimer's diseased brain tissue but not detectable in normal healthy brain tissue; and

preventing normal tau protein from promoting microtubule assembly in an in vitro microtubule assembly assay, wherein prevention of the promotion of microtubule assembly can be eliminated by specific inhibitory, neutralizing monoclonal antibodies against the molecules in a microtubule assembly assay.

26. (New) The type IA tau molecule of claim 25, further defined as comprising an amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: 1 to 3.

27. (New) The N- and C-terminally double truncated tau molecule of claim 24, further defined as a type IB tau molecule:

having at least the first 238 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 40 C-terminal amino acids of the 4 repeat containing tau43 or the first 207 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 50 C-terminal amino acids of the 3 repeat containing tau44 truncated;

detectable in Alzheimer's diseased brain tissue whereas the molecules are not detectable in normal healthy brain tissue; and

not capable of preventing wild type tau from promoting microtubule assembly in an in vitro microtubule assembly assay.

28. (New) The type IB tau molecule of claim 27, further defined as comprising an amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: 4 to 10.

29. (New) The N- and C-terminally double truncated tau molecule of claim 24, further defined as a type IIA tau molecule:

having at least the first 68 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 40 C-terminal amino acids of the 4 repeat containing tau43 or the first 68 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 20 C-terminal amino acids of the 3 repeat containing tau44 truncated;

detectable in Alzheimer's diseased brain tissue, whereas the molecules are not detectable in normal healthy brain tissue;

having higher microtubule assembly promoting activity than wild type tau in an in vitro microtubule assembly assay, wherein the microtubule assembly promoting activity can be eliminated by specific inhibitory, neutralizing monoclonal antibodies against the molecules in a microtubule assembly assay; and

wherein pathologic activity of the molecule relies on binding to the microtubular network defined by the microtubule polymerization promoting activity.

30. (New) The type IIA tau molecule of claim 29, further defined as comprising the amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: 11 to 18.

31. (New) The N- and C-terminally double truncated tau molecule of claim 24, further defined as a type IIB tau molecule:

having at least the first 68 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 40 C-terminal amino acids of the 4 repeat containing tau43 or the first 68 N-terminal amino acids and at least the last 20 C-terminal amino acids of the 3 repeat containing tau44 truncated;

detectable in Alzheimer's diseased brain tissue, whereas the molecules are not detectable in normal healthy brain tissue; and

having a pathological microtubule assembly promoting activity different from wild type tau in an in vitro microtubule assembly assay.

32. (New) The type IIB tau molecule of claim 31, further defined as comprising the amino acid sequence of any of SEQ ID NO: 19 to 20.

33. (New) A transgenic animal expressing a molecule of claim 24.

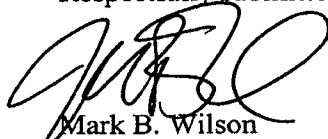
34. (New) A method of screening or testing a candidate compound for utility in the treatment of Alzheimer's disease comprising obtaining a transgenic animal according to claim 33 and using the animal to screen or test the candidate compound.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to recite the priority data, to cancel claims 1-23 of the PCT application, and to add new claims 24-34. Support for the new claims is found in the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter is added by this amendment. The filing fee has been calculated after amendment of the claims by the preliminary amendment.

Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/SONN:065US.

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APPENDIX D

TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER SONN:065US U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/007389	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 9 July 2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 12 July 2002
TITLE OF INVENTION TRUNCATED TAU PROTEINS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Eva KONTSEKOVA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: PCT Request; Forms PCT/IB/304, IB/306, IB/308, IB/332; IPER; WO 2004/007547 A2; WO 2004/007547 A3 (w/Intl. Search Report); 23-page Sequence Listing; Stmt. as Required under 37 CFR 1.821(f); return postcard		

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